



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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***The Bridges of Madison County* Gathers Three WATCH Nominations**

Gaithersburg, MD – (January 23, 2019) The Damascus Theatre Company, in partnership with *Arts on the Green*, was nominated for three Washington Area Theatre Honors (WATCH) awards for the production of *The Bridges of Madison County*, which was performed on the Arts Barn Stage in June of 2018. The announcement was made on January 20, 2019. The 19th Annual WATCH Awards ceremony will take place on Sunday, March 17 at 7 p.m. at The Birchmere in Alexandria, Va.

The production received nominations in three categories, including Outstanding Cameo in a Musical (*Laura Searle as "Young Francesca et al"*), Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical (*Chad Wheeler as "Robert"*), and Outstanding Set Decoration in a Musical (*Maria Littlefield*).

Throughout the year, *Arts on the Green* presents plays, musicals, theater for young audiences, comedy, and magic shows at the Arts Barn and Kentlands Mansion. Explore the current season online.

The Damascus Theatre Company is one of many organizations that partner with the City of Gaithersburg as part of its Theater Arts Partnership Program (TAPP). The City provides use of the Arts Barn and its many resources (fully equipped theatre, rehearsal space, box office, advertising and marketing support) without the high rental rates of other facilities in the area. The production company is responsible for the direct production costs of the show (royalties, set and construction, props, costumes, etc.). The box office proceeds are then split between the production company and the City. This unique program provides TAPP partners affordable, quality production space while helping the City fulfill its commitment to a robust arts and cultural environment for its residents

The Arts on the Green Theater series is funded in part by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC). To discover more about MSAC grants and how they impact Maryland's arts sector, visit www.msac.org.

About Arts on the Green

Arts on the Green is the City of Gaithersburg's home for the performing and visual arts. Musicals, comedies, dramas, magic shows, and other theatrical performances light up the Arts Barn stage, where every seat has superb visibility. Come see the changing exhibitions by regionally known artists, dabble in the creative arts with Art Night Out workshops, and find unique hand-made gifts in the City Shop.

For more information call 301-258-6394, find us at www.gaithersburgmd.gov or follows us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram at ArtsontheGreen.

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